

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday February 23, 2021 – 7pm-8:30pm

Attendance:

Sherron Grant	“Aunty” Sharon Grant
Minakshi Das	Patrick Boland
Irama Ahmed	Nadhira Soud
Mme Alexander	Ann Marie Romanovich

Shaquel Victory

Overview of Agenda 7:05pm

Minakshi

Welcomed group, started discussion on Ministry Grant Application.

Deadline to apply Mar. 1st, 2021 up to \$1500 grant to be used for parents regarding Anti-oppression/Anti-Black/Anti-Indigenous racism.

Aunty Sharon

Which lens does the council want to approach that would benefit the school/parents – speaker workshop/giftcard, books

Should we work with other schools

- Workshop

- Art

- Engaging Session

Discussed article about Mrs. Grant in Russia

Discussed Black students Alliance

Principal's Report 7:50

Parent Involvement Areas – We want parents involved

What can we Stop/Start and Continue?

Budget

Safe and caring schools

Staffing

Overall Goals

Student Achievement/Wellness/Equity

Remote learning vs in-school

- more children went to virtual in Feb.
- 10 extra students left to Virtual
- no staffing changes

Spec Ed

- Calming kits for every student in school learning

Media

- Technology in all classrooms
- Virtual Assembly's

School Improvement

- Waiting to hear back on Music Grant application (Steel Pan/African Drums for the school)

Black History Month

- Reggaecize 2 sessions promotes wellness and dance

Sharing of School improvement plan

Achievement/Equity/Well-being

Goals

Achievement – Reading/writing, literacy/balance

- Using critically relevant resources
- Math – using high yield evidence based strategies
- Red world application

Equity

- Checking biases power + privilege, and personal understanding of trauma

Well-being

- Tier 1 /2 strategies to support students of Wonder
- Decreasing accommodated EP safety plan + office referrals

Staffing

- 2 Lunch Supervisors left/vacancy
- 1 from previous came back
- Hired Taneka Bolton
 - *by day 2 some of the Jr. Black girls were already connecting with her and hanging

Budget

- Slashed in half
- \$78,000 – to - \$48,000
- \$12,000 Model schools
- PPE from Central Budget
- Online Reading (PM Reading)/French Reading Resources
- Gift cards to families (groceries)

New Business 8:15pm

- Sept 2021, direction comes from Public Health
- Constantly Changing
- All Face to face learning or optional online learning for Sept?
- Delays to Vaccines
- Aunt Sharon “Plan as you would Pre-Covid, no more funds, 26 kids in class – plan for it”
- PIAC Graduation Petition

*Equity problem, have to ensure board wide initiative, so that everyone gets a graduation

-April 2021 – More details about seniority/staffing for Sept.

-School Council Advisory Mar. 13th 6:30pm

-Discussion on “By-laws”

*school can make own By-laws, what is the intent/insight on how to put own By-laws together to Support your school’s goals and initiatives.

It’s a ref tool for parents

Use “working” documents to start our own By-laws

Form a working group to finalize By-laws

CSW to be part of working group

Meeting finished 8:30 approx.